Information Commission upto 30.4.2007, of which 4041 were disposed of during the period from 1.4.2006 to 31.3.2007.

(b) It has been reported that some Public Information Officers had delayed providing information and some refused to accept the applications.

(c) The Central Information Commission issued a show cause notice for imposition of penalty in 354 cases upto 30.4.2007.

(d) Information is not centrally maintained.

Nodal Ministry for reservation policy

4660. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the nodal Ministry in the matters concerning Reservation Policy for SC and ST;

(b) whether there was any consultation between the nodal Ministry and the Minister of Personnel in drafting the Reservation Bill;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not consulting the nodal Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is the nodal Ministry for framing policy on reservation for SCs and STs in the services under the Government of India.

(b) to (d) The drafting of Reservation Bill was done as per the established procedure.

Cadre review of Assistants (CSS, GSS) Grade

4661. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cadre review of Assistants (CSS, GSS) grade is in pending;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Assistants in Department of Information Technology are stagnating from the last 10 to 15 years in their cadre;

(d) the measures being proposed to upgrade the post or under take review of the cadre; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Government in October, 2003 took several decisions to restructure the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) comprehensively, which also included Assistants Grade of Central Secretariat Service. The proposals relating to cadre review of Non-CSS cadres are considered by the administrative Ministry concerned in consultation with the Department of Expenditure in the Ministry of Finance.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) As restructuring of CSS has been done in 2003, there is no immediate proposal for a cadre review or upgradation of the post.

Public-private partnership for hospitals

†4662. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested the State Governments to run their hospitals under public-private partnership;

(b) if so, the suggestion in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the aim of private sector is to earn maximum profit for capital investment;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether medical facilities in the country are likely to be more expensive with implementation of the above suggestion?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.